

DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGOLA

We, the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of the African Unity, meeting at our Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session, in Durban, South Africa, on the 8 July 2002,

Having taken cognisance of developments in the situation in Angola, as presented by H.E. the President of the Republic of Angola,

Having been solicited by the Angolan Government to mobilize humanitarian assistance for the people recently affected by the war in the country,

1. **WELCOME** the return of peace to Angola which, we are convinced, will bring about peace and tranquility in the Southern and Central African regions as well as in the whole African Continent;
2. **NOTE WITH SATISFACTION** the exemplary implementation of commitments subscribed to within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding to the Lusaka Protocol between the Angolan Armed Forces and UNITA signed on 4 April, 2002 in Luanda.;
3. **COMMEND** the Government and the people of Angola, and in particular, H.E. President JOSE EDUARDO dos SANTOS for the spirit of national reconciliation and magnanimity they have demonstrated and encourage them to continue in this spirit;
4. **EXPRESS** our willingness to contribute to the ongoing efforts aimed at finding a solution for demobilized soldiers, orphans, internationally displaced persons and other war victims by ensuring their social reintegration and rehabilitation;
5. **APPEAL** to the African community in particular, and the international community in general, to continue to provide urgent humanitarian assistance towards the reconstruction and development of Angola.

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